

CHRISTENSEN NOT DISPENSARYITE

Opposed to the Whiskey Traffic, but Favors Local Option, as Against State-Wide Prohibition.

To the Editor of the News and Courier: Kindly grant me space in your columns to correct a statement made in your correspondence from Gaffney, dated the 14th.

Therein it is reported that I am a county dispensary advocate, and am rounding up the dispensary forces for a legislative contest against the prohibitionists. I am not a dispensary man. In an article published last month in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science of Philadelphia, I wrote: "The State did not succeed as bar-keeper. Will the counties do better? That is a question South Carolina is solving. It is too early yet to say what the outcome of this decentralization will be. Decentralization has killed the lioness, and her dwarf cubs are comparatively easy to handle. However, they are not lambs. Whether the present system will long remain clean is a hard matter for conjecture. In putting into the hands of public officials the power to purchase liquor the door for graft is thrown wide open, and through it at any moment may enter corruption that will render the system as evil as the worst."

Those are hardly the expressions of an advocate of the county dispensary.

In an interview published in the News and Courier and other dailies and weeklies a few days ago I stated that I am a local option prohibitionist. I take the liberty of again trespassing upon the attention of your readers, not for personal reasons, but to emphasize a most important point in this discussion between the State-wide prohibitionists or anti-optionists, and the local optionists.

They would establish prohibition in non-prohibition counties by decree of the legislature. We would educate the non-prohibition counties to the point where each would for itself decree prohibition. Between these two ways to a common end is a great difference, all the difference, we local optionists maintain, between ultimate success and failure.

Says Senator Otts, for whom I have respect and liking: "The way to stop the liquor evil is to stop and not to temporize or compromise with it." He wishes to carry the citadel by one grand picturesque assault. We point to the experience of generations that proves sapping and mining to be more effective against this particular enemy. If the State prohibition law is passed it will be a hollow victory in many of the present dispensary counties.

On the other hand, wherever a county adopts prohibition the gain is real, genuine and lasting. We local opinion prohibitionists advocate the same course of action Senator Otts and his friends have been following up to this time. They are branching off, hand in hand, with old State dispensary leaders, and anti-optionists. We want to be allowed to travel the same road, his county of Cherokee took in getting a prohibition that prohibits. He says that kind of prohibition is fine. Then why does he insist in forcing another kind on other counties?

I tell him, and nine out of every ten thinking, sober men in this lower section of the State will tell him, that a State prohibition law cannot be enforced here with any success at this time. It is folly for Senator Otts to assert, as he does, that "two or three determined men can enforce the law in any county." There are many more than that number of men in this county who would do all they can to enforce prohibition here if it becomes a law, and we know before hand that our efforts will be futile.

Face conditions. Come down here and help us educate our people as you did in Laurens and we will do for ourselves what you cannot force us into.

Senator Otts says again: "I have seen the results of prohibition, I have seen the law enforced, I have helped to enforce it." He refers to his county, that was first educated up to the law, and was then allowed to enact in. He would have had different experiences in an anti-prohibition county upon which prohibition had been enforced. It is characteristic of certain prohibitionists to charge all who may differ with them as being allies of the liquor interests. Senator Otts refers to the local option arguments as "this song of the Whiskey Siren." Yet the National Liquor League, which has just closed its annual convention in Washington, in one of its resolutions wrote: "Local option is but another name for prohibition." Local optionists were not whiskey Sirens when Senator Otts was leading their chorus in Cherokee.

So far as I know there is no effort to organize the local optionists in or out of the legislature, and I have not planned or attempted such an organization, newspaper reports to the contrary notwithstanding. But I have become interested in the fight against the liquor evil, and as one put in a little brief authority am earnest to exert it for tried and rational measures. So I address myself to the keen witted, sober-minded, frank and God-fearing people, who are the great majority of the people of this State, confident that they will stick to the guns with which liquor has been effectually driven out of half her territory.

Neils Christensen, Jr.
Beaufort, S. C., December 15, 1908.

AN INCIDENT IN WILLIAM McKINLEY'S LIFE.

The Rev. Dr. James Chalmers, of Elgin, Ill., tells the following story of President McKinley's boyhood days, which will illustrate his characteristic honesty:

John Robinson's circus was coming to town, and William wanted to go, but the money was not forthcoming to pay his admission. The McKinleys kept hens; so did their neighbors. The hens were hiding their nests. William's mother told him by finding a hen's nest and bringing her the eggs day by day he could get together enough money to pay his own way into the circus.

And the boy did find a hidden nest just inside the line fence. Day by day he gathered the eggs. But the day before the circus was to come, being overanxious and going to collect his treasures too early in the morning, he startled and drove from the nest the hen that was laying for him the golden eggs, when, lo and behold! she crossed the line fence and rejoined the neighbor's flock of hens where she belonged.

Poor William, downcast and crestfallen, hastened to his mother and without a moment's hesitation, but with tears in his eyes, said, "Mother, I cannot go to the circus." And then he told her of his discovery that the eggs were not their own, but must be returned to their neighbors.

But when the boy came back after delivering to the neighbor the eggs he had collected, his mother, with a swelling pride which she had never before experienced, quietly said to him: "You have proved once more, my son, that honesty is the best policy, and you shall go to the circus, William, besides."

This incident, related by his mother, I repeated to Mr. McKinley one day at my own dinner-table in my Columbus home when he was governor of Ohio, and asked him if it was authentic. "Yes," he said, "and it was the lesson of my life. From that day I made it the motto of my life never to appropriate my neighbor's eggs, and"—he added, with a twinkle in his eye—"it has never kept me from going to the circus, either."

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Bids Invited.

We will receive bids for the building of a Lutheran church at Silver Street up to January 1st, 1909. We to furnish all material necessary for the construction of same. Will also furnish, window frames, door frames, folding doors, already made. We would ask that each one making a bid specify how soon he could commence work provided he was awarded contract. Plans and specifications will be found at O. W. Long's shop. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Send bids to H. O. Long.
H. O. Long,
K. S. Stillwell,
H. T. Fellers,
Building Committee.

NOTICE.

All parties holding demands against the estate of James F. Todd, deceased, will please present the same to the undersigned on or before the first day of March, 1909.

Minnie Todd,
Executor of the Will of James F. Todd, deceased.
Dec. 14, 1908. 2t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY.

In the Probate Court.
M. A. Carlisle and John C. Goggans, Executors of the last will and testament of W. W. Spearman, deceased, Plaintiffs,

v.
Etta R. Spearman, et al., Defendants.

Complaint for Sale of Land.
By order of the Court herein, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder at Newberry Court House, during the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the fourth day of January, 1909, all that tract of land, lying and being situate in the County and State aforesaid, containing three hundred and thirty seven, (337) acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of D. M. Ward, Sam Nance, Walter S. Spear-

man, Mrs. Maggie Longshore and Mrs. E. L. Spearman.

Terms of Sale: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, the balance on a credit of one and two years, the credit portion to be secured by a mortgage of the premises sold, with interest thereon from the date of sale at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, the said mortgage to provide for attorneys fees in case of foreclosure; with leave to purchaser to anticipate payments either in whole or in part, the purchaser to pay for papers and the recording of the said mortgage.

F. M. Schumpert,
Judge of Probate.
Newberry, S. C., Dec. 14, 1908.

SHERIFF'S DELINQUENT TAX SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Newberry.

By virtue of an execution to me directed by Jno. L. Epps, Treasurer of Newberry county, I will sell on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1909 (Salesday), within the legal hours of sale, at Newberry Court House, the following property for delinquent taxes for the year 1907, viz:

A tract of land in Reeder Township No. 5, assessed to L. C. Sheeley, containing one hundred and thirty acres more or less, bounded by lands of Dorothy Davis, W. F. Kelly and Henry Kinard.

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M. M. Buford,
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